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In re the Application of: **KONG, Yongfa et al.**

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For: **DOUBLY DOPED LITHIUM NIOBATE CRYSTALS**

**RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
**DATED JULY 9, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: August 8, 2003

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **July 9, 2003**.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-4 and 6, drawn to a doubly doped lithium niobate crystal; and Group (II), Claim 5, drawn to a process for growing a doubly doped lithium niobate crystal.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (I), Claims 1-4 and 6 for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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